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SUBJECT: THAI WITHDRAWAL FROM UNC (REAR) IN JAPAN

REF: (A) BANGKOK 10605 (B) STATE 092124 (C) BANGKOK 4762

(D) 75 SEOUL 9289 (12/3/75)

1. AN OFFICER IN THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION DEPARTMENT, THAI MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, REVEALED TO AN EMBASSY OFFICER APRIL 22, IN THE COURSE OF OTHER BUSINESS, THAT THE IMPETUS OF THE THAI WITHDRAWAL FROM THE UNC (REAR) WAS PURELY BUDGETARY, AND EMANATEE FROM THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE.

2. HE REITERATED THAT MFA'S PREVIOUS POSITION, WHICH THEN FOREIGN MINISTER CHATCHAI CHUNHAWAN HAD PUBLICLY ENUNCIATED IN LATE 1975 (REF D), HAD BEEN TO HANG IN UNTIL THE NEGOTIATED DISSOLUTION OF THE ENTIRE UNC. ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCE, MFA SUDDENLY RECEIVED AN URGENT MISSIVE FROM MOD (PROBABLY SOMETIME IN LATE FEBRUARY), AND WITH UNCOMMON HASTE CLEARED THE ENTIRE INITIATIVE IN ONE DAY. THE CARE-TAKER KHUKRIT CABINET, BY THEN APPROACHING THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN, APPARENTLY APPROVED THE POSITION THE NEXT DAY.

3. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION ON THE SENI GOVERNMENT'S POSSIBLE WILLINGNESS TO REVERSE THE DECISION, OUR SOURCE TOOK REFUGE BEHIND THE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS TO THE UN
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SECRETARY GENERAL AND THE UNC COMMANDER, LEAVING THE DIS-

TINCT IMPRESSION THAT A REVERSAL WAS HIGHLY UNLIKELY.
HOWEVER, BEFORE WE TAKE A FINAL POSITION ON PROSPECTS THAT RTG MIGHT
REVERSE ITS POSITION (REF B), WE WANT TO TAKE A FURTHER READING
WITH THE THAI MILITARY.
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